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## Application for Re-Enlistment

3. Conscript personnel who wished to remain in active service personally made application in writing to the regimental CO about 12 months prior to demobilization. In certain cases, personnel who occupied positions that were difficult to fill were approached by their unit CO, unit political officer, or the regimental CO himself, and asked to remain on active duty as sverkhsrochniki.

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Since there was only a limited number of specific positions that could be legally filled by sverkhsrochniki, it was often necessary to carry them administratively in T/O slots other than those they actually occupied. Personnel about to be demobilized could go to other regiments or units and attempt to be accepted there if all T/O positions for sverkhsrochniki were filled in their own unit.

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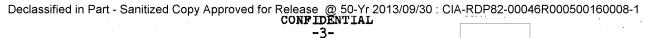
50X1 4. final acceptance of EM reenlistment applications rested with the division CO, although regimental CO's were able to reject applications of personnel they considered undesirable. In 50X1 it was normally the practice of the regimental CO to interview applicants before they submitted applicants ations in writing.

- Even though there were only a few T/O positions open to sverkhsrochnik, there seemed to be little trouble involved in being accepted, because only five to ten conscripts within the regiment applied annually. Also, there was usually a standing request for sverkhsrochniki from other units in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- Personnel who indicated an intent to apply for sverkhsrochnik duty were laughed at by conscripts because very few conscripts actually wanted to remain on duty beyond the three-year period of conscripted service. This resulted in the withdrawal of many applications. Normally applicants kept their intentions secret to keep from being laughed

# New Issue for Sverkhsrochniki

- Immediately on approval of the application for reenlistment duty, the sverkhsrochnik was required to turn in all his clothing and his service book. In place of the service book, the reenlistee was given another type of ID booklet (Udostovereniye lichnosti), the same type as was issued to officers. In place of the individual clothing, each sverkharochnik was given a complete new set of clothing consisting of the following items:
  - one set of cotton OD breeches and tunic.
  - b. one garrison cap.
  - one set of underwear. c.
  - đ. one cloth and one leather belt.
  - one set of foot wrappings.
  - one pair of black leather jack boots.
  - one new overcoat (of better quality than that issued to conscripts.)
- For his second uniform set, the sverkhsrochnik was given an OD tunic of a heavier material than the first set, a pair of blue breeches, again of heavier material, gloves, and a service hat (furazhka). Sverkhsrochniki were also entitled to a blouse by regulation, I

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## Distinctive Insignia Markings

9. The only distinctive insignia worn by sverkhsrochniki, in addition to the blue breeches mentioned above, 2 were the yellow-colored sleeve insignias (chevrons) sketched ( not to scale) and described as follows by source:



Indicates a sverkhsrochnik in his first two-year period of reenlistee service after his service as a conscript.



Indicates a sverkhsrochnik in his second two-year period of reenlistee service ( three to four years reenlistee service inclusive.)



Indicates a sverkhsrochnik who had served over four years as a reenlistee. \_\_\_\_\_\_ one reenlistee in the Karlshorst compound wearing this insignia, who had about 10 years of service as a career NCO.

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10. All such chevrons in the Prenzlau Garrison were of a gold or yellow color. Source had seen some sverkhsrochniki of the medical services in Berlin wearing chevrons but of a white or silver color. Shoulder boards worn by sverkhsrochniki were of the conventional Soviet EM type.

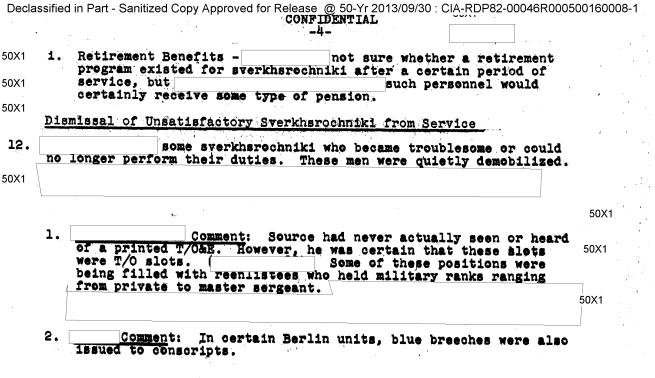
## Privileges of Reenlistees

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- 11. Sverkhsrochniki were given the following privileges not given to conscripts:
  - a. Leave they were authorized 45 days of annual leave plus an unknown number of days of travel time.
  - b. Quarters in East Germany, sverkhsrochniki were allowed to live in either an officers' BCQ or in conscript barracks. In the USSR they could live in civilian quarters, even if unmarried if no military quarters were provided or were available. When no military quarters were available they received a quarters allowance.
  - c. Messing they could either eat in an officers' mess hall, if they paid the additional service charge required there, or continue to eat in the conscript EM mess.
    - d. Passes they could freely leave the caserne during off-duty hours by merely signing out.
    - e. Marriage they were legally authorized to marry while in service while conscripts were not.

f.	Pay - they received entirely on the T/O	better pay. pay position held and rank had no bearing	was based 50X1 on it.

- g. Clothing the clothing issue was of a better quality.
- h. Duties sverkhsrochniki were not required to perform work details for disciplinary purposes. They were also exempt from routine unit training. Mandatory training consisted only of political instruction, which was given to sverkhsrochniki separately. Occasionally they were required to qualify with their individual weapons or participate in some other military training as designated. They had no regular training schedule, since their jobs required full-time duty.



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